

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A method for making a sealing or gasket material for a fuel cell seal, which comprises:

kneading a rubber composition;

molding said rubber composition into said sealing or gasket material by liquid injection molding; and

crosslinking said molded sealing or gasket material;

wherein said rubber composition comprises:

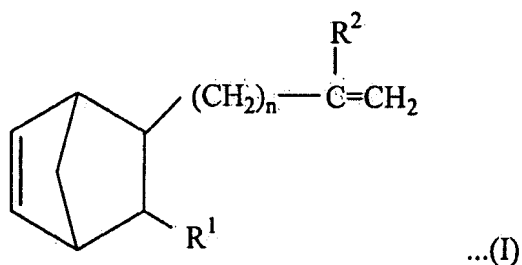
an ethylene/ α -olefin/non-conjugated polyene copolymer (A), wherein the ethylene/ α -olefin/non-conjugated polyene copolymer (A) has:

(i) a mass ratio of ethylene to an α -olefin of 3 to 20 carbon atoms (~~ethylene~~ ethylene/ α -olefin) of 35/65 to 95/5;

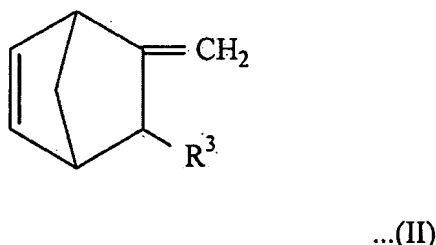
(ii) an iodine value of 0.5 to 50;

(iii) an intrinsic viscosity (η) of 0.01 to less than 0.3 dl/g as measured in decalin at 135°C; and

(iv) constituent units of non-conjugated polyene derived from at least one norbornene compound represented by the following formula (I) or (II):



wherein n is an integer of 0 to 10, R¹ is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, and R² is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group of 1 to 5 carbon atoms;



wherein R³ is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms;

an organopolysiloxane (B) having an average composition formula of R¹_tSiO_{(4-t)/2} wherein R¹ is an unsubstituted or substituted monovalent hydrocarbon group and t is a number ranging from 1.9 to 2.1;

an SiH group-containing compound (C);

a catalyst (D); and

a reaction inhibitor (E); and

~~said copolymer (A) and said organopolysiloxane (B) having a weight ratio ((A)/(B)) of 100:0 to 5:95.~~

17. (Currently Amended) A method for making a top cover gasket for a hard disk driver, which comprises:

kneading a rubber composition;
molding said rubber composition into said top cover gasket by liquid injection molding;
and
crosslinking said top cover gasket;

wherein said rubber composition comprises:

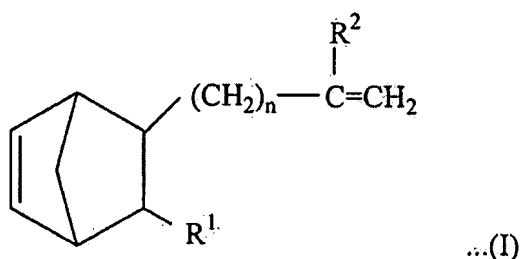
an ethylene/ α -olefin/non-conjugated polyene copolymer (A), wherein the ethylene/ α -olefin/non-conjugated polyene copolymer (A) has:

(i) a mass ratio of ethylene to an α -olefin of 3 to 20 carbon atoms (~~ethylene~~
ethylene/ α -olefin) of 35/65 to 95/5;

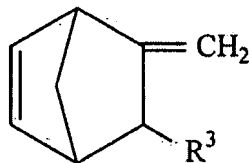
(ii) an iodine value of 0.5 to 50;

(iii) an intrinsic viscosity (η) of 0.01 to less than 0.3 dl/g as measured in decalin at 135°C; and

(iv) constituent units of non-conjugated polyene derived from at least one norbornene compound represented by the following formula (I) or (II):



wherein n is an integer of 0 to 10, R^1 is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, and R^2 is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group of 1 to 5 carbon atoms;



...(II)

wherein R³ is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms;

an organopolysiloxane (B) having an average composition formula of R¹_tSiO_{(4-t)/2} wherein R¹ is an unsubstituted or substituted monovalent hydrocarbon group and t is a number ranging from 1.9 to 2.1;

an SiH group-containing compound (C);

a catalyst (D); and

a reaction inhibitor (E); and

~~said copolymer (A) and said organopolysiloxane (B) having a weight ratio ((A)/(B)) of 100:0 to 5:95.~~

18-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 16, wherein the molding and crosslinking are carried out consecutively.

23. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 16, wherein the molding and crosslinking are carried out simultaneously.

24. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 17, wherein the molding and crosslinking are carried out consecutively.

25. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 17, wherein the molding and crosslinking are carried out simultaneously.

26. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 22, wherein the crosslinking is carried out in a vulcanization tank using hot air, a fluidized bed, ultra-high frequency electromagnetic waves or steam.

27. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 24, wherein the crosslinking is carried out in a vulcanization tank using hot air, a fluidized bed, ultra-high frequency electromagnetic waves or steam.